Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday;
Virgin'st-Fair Tuesday; colder in southwest portion. Wednesday fair; fresh tobrisk northwesterly winds.
North Carolina—Fair in western; rain in
eastern portion Tuesday; colder, except in
extreme eastern portion. Wednesday fair;
brisk north to northwest winds.

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THEY WANT SOME NEGROES TO VOTE

Sentiment Against Wholesale Disfranchisement.

MEN FOR CONVENTION

Probable Candidacy of Judge Keith and Mr. Ellyson.

RICHMOND TO HAVE A PRIMARY.

Some Opposition Is Manifested to This Course, but It Will Likely Be Adopted-City Chairman Gordon Is a Candidate for the Convention.

Since the adjournment of the General Assembly, giving the newspaper man time to stop and think, he realizes one very striking fact. It is, that there is very strong sentiment against a provision in the Constitution which shall operate to disfranchise all negroes who vote at

Another fact, scarcely less apparent is, the politicians do not like To be quoted as occupying this position.

Senator George W. Morris, of Char lottesville, in a speech in the Senate last eek, declared, with utmost emphasis, that he did not want every negro disfranchised simply because he was a negro. He said he was much more anxious to see the electoral franchise taken from the purchasable class of the white voters than from the better class

His speech was not commented upon in the public debates, but it created much comment, and is still being discussed outside of legislative circles. One of the best known men in Richmond said yes-terday he was greatly impressed by the printed report of the speech. He de-clared the sentiments expressed therein were his, and further averred that they were held by the majority of his acquaintances among the rank and file of the Democracy. The suggestion that the new Constitution contain an educational qualification, with the alternative of a property qualification, is popular in some speech in the Senate, declared that property as well as people should have a voice in framing a new organic law.

Provably all the foregoing tends to show that the white men of Virginia are the true friends of the negroes

The probable personnel of the Constitu tional Convention is now interesting the people of the State. The disposition so generally shown to send up the best men to be found is still everywhere manifest. Unless all appearances are deceptive, it will be a convention worthy of Virginia, and a worthy link in the chain of conventions which have periodically amended

the organic law of the Commonwealth.

There is quite a general desire to have
Judge James Keith, president of the Supreme Court of Appeals, in the conven tion. The provision in the Constitution against a member of the Supreme Court holding another office of public trust may disqualify Judge Keith. It depends upon whether a seat in the convention is "an office of public trust" within the view of office of public trust" within the view of the constitutional provision. It is thought that there is not in the entire Common-wealth a man better equipped for the duties devolving upon a delegate than Judge Keith. It is perfectly true that the convention will be clothed with ample power to make Judge Keith eligible to a seat

The probable candidacy of Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson for a seat in the convention from Richmond also excites interest. He said to a Times writer yesterday that he had not decided whether he would run. He has been urged to do so. It is be-lieved he will consent to be a candidate. Mr. Ellyson has very closely studied many of the questions which will arise in the convention, and would make a most val

uable member.

The candidacy of Hon. R. Carter Scott of this city, attracts interest for several reasons. In addition to being excellently equipped for the duties of such a place, there are other reasons. Mr. Scott's great-grandfather was a member of the celebrated Constitutional Convention of 1829-29. His grandfather was a member of the convention which framed the Con-stitution of 1850, and also of the convention which adopted the ordinance of secession in 1861. His father was a member of the convention which framed the present Constitution. It is but natural that the fourth of this race of Constitution build-ers should desire to follow in the footsteps of his fathers.

Everything seems to indicate that Richmond city will have a strong delegation in the coming Constitutional Convention. In addition to those who have already indicated their purpose to run, Mr. James W. Gordon, the able young attorney and chairman of the City Democratic Com-mittee, announced his candidacy yester-day. He will call the committee together in a short while to arrange a plan for nominating candidates for the conven nominating candidates for the conven-tion, when it, is thought he will resign the chairmanship and enter the race in dead carnest. Mr. Gordon has had the matter under advisement for some time, being warmly urged by his friends to enter the race, but only posit-ively announced his determination yes-terday.

He is an able and popular young at torney and the junior member of the firm of Smith, Moncure & Gordon. He has been a member of the City Democratic Committee for a number of years, and

on the first day of last July succeeded Mr. Jefferson Wallace as chairman by the unanimous voice of the committee.

Mr. Gordon is widely popular with all classes of the people, and his rriends claim for him eminent qualifications for the arduous and important work of the

Hon. Isaac Diggs is also being very generally mentioned for the convention. He has for years been an advocate of constitutional reform, and is well in-formed as to the need therefor.

Some others who have strong backing for the convention among their friends are: Colonel A. S. Buford, Hon. C. V. Meredith, Hon. S. S. P. Patteson, Captain John A. Curtis, and Messrs. Vir-

ginius Newton, W. L. Royall, Hill Mon-tague and J. Garland Pollard. Mr. E. C. Folkes, member of the House from Richmond, is not a candidate for section to the Constitutional Convention. "I originally opposed the convention movement," he said yesterday. "At the

Jail Officials Refuse to Obey Orders,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 18.—Jail officials ordered by superintendent of chain gang to lash n white prisoner to-day renovement," he said yesterday. "At the Norfolk Convention I voted against making a Constitutional Convention a party under this iaw.

SERIOUS CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST

issue, but, of course, after a majority of the party decided against me I acquiesced, and did all I could to carry through the proposition. Still, I do not think I am the man for the convention. You must not understand me to say I do not want our Constitution amended. But I favored accomplishing this by means of a compression as suggested by Governor

favored accomplishing this by means of a commission, as suggested by Governor Tyler, instead of through a convention."

General James C. Hill says Hons. John E. Massey and W. H. Boaz are prominentily talked of for delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Albemarle. Mr. Massey is now eighty-three years of age, but is as hale and as hearty as any man of that age you could find.

It was stated by some of the prominent Democrats of Chesterfield yesterday that Judges B. A. Hancock and John H. Ingram would probably be sent as delegates from the district embracing Chesterfield, Manchester and Powhatan.

Hon. Wm. M. McAllister, of Bath county, says the two great questions the convention will have to deal with will be

the matter of regulating suffrage and the reformation of the judicial system. "I think," he stated. "that the people of Virginia of no class or condition in life need have any fear as to what this convention will do. In my judgment, there

will be enough of brains, statesmanship and patriotism in the body to settle aright these great problems.

"We hear much about the office-hold."

ers being arrayed against a new Consti-tution. I, for one, do not believe this talk

tution. I, for one, do not believe this talk is well founded. In the second place, I do not think the office-holders, as a rule, will have anything to fear. They will, I am quite sure, give their hearty and sincere support to the movement to adopt an organic law that will be for the best interests of all the people."

Mr. McAllister's views were heartily endorsed by Hon. W. D. Cardwell, the rising young statesman from Hanover.

Mr. McAllister may come to the convention from Bath, Alleghany and Highland. He will not seek the place, but will serve if his people want him.

Judge Geo. K. Anderson, of Alleghany, will probably be a candidate.

It is generally thought the City Demo-

cratic Committee of Richmond - and a primary to nominate candidates for delegates from this city, though there

is some opposition in the party to this

course. A very true and influential party man says he thinks there should be a free and open fight in the general election. "I for one," said he, "would like to vote for Judge L. L. Lewis as one of the five. If mominations are made, of course, I could not do this. We should have a good sprinkling of Republicans in the convention and Judge Lewis would be a very useful man there."

Hon, Richard S. Parks, of Page, who was absent from the House of Delegates during its dying hours attending Circuit Court in Shenendoah returned here last

night to wind up some legislative mat-

ters before going to his home. He said he was sorry his business had called him away before the Legislature adjourned, but that he was satisfied

When asked concerning his candidacy or Attorney-General, Captain Parks

said he received the most encouraging

reports from the Valley section during his absence, and was getting many flat-tering assurances of support from other sections of the State. He believes he has

in fine chance to win and will press his a line chaince to win and win press his claims vigorously from now on. Captain Parks will probably be here for several days. Other House members who are still in the city are; Messrs, Shelton, of Louisa; McAllister, of Bath; Blake-

riore, of Rockingham, and Hunley, of Mathews.

SAMPSON AND SCHLEY,

Bill to Create Position of Vice-Admiral

for Each.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 18.—Senator
Hale, chairman of the Senate Committee
on Naval Affairs, to-day introduced a
bill for the revival of the grade of vice-

admiral in the navy and authorizing the President to appoint two rear, admirals to that office.

The bill is in the interest of Admirals

Sampson and Schley, and is intended to

aid in solving the problem of their pro-

motion, as well as the promotion of other officers who served with them in the

Spanish war. Senator Hale also introduced a joint

resolution of thanks to Admiral Sampson

in accordance with the President's recent recommendation.

Senator McComas to-day introduced a

bill and resolution similar to that of Sen-ator Hale, but the McComas bill provides that the men to be made vice-admirals shall be elected from those "who partici-pated in the naval battle off Santiago."

MASQUERADE WAS

4 GRAND AFFAIR

Gesangrerein Virginia Held Their

Annual Soiree Last Night.

A Fine Supper.

The annual masquerade ball of the

"Gesangverein Virginia," which took place at Saenger Halle last night, was a

Bowering's band was on hand and made

ine music, and a large number of ladies

and gentlemen were present to enjoy the

There were forty-two maskers, and

their costumes were both beautiful and brilliant. One of the decided features

of the evening was a salvation army

composed of seven members, in which the impersonation was almost perfect. Among the maskers were some of the most prominent young ladies and gentle-

men among the German-Americans of the city, and they presented a gay appear-ance in their various colored costumes. It was about 9:30 o'clock when the grand march commenced, and at 11

grand march commenced, and at 11 o'clock the masks were thrown off and an old-fashioned Virginia dance was had. At about midnight the happy party repaired to the dining-room below, where a sumptuous supper was spread, just such as the German-Americans have long been noted for.

The affair was a complete success in every respect, and reduced for the success in the control of the success of the

every respect, and reflected great credit upon the committee, who spared no pains to make the occasion a highly enjoyable

Following were the members of the

committee: Messrs. William H. Zimmer-man, Jr., E. A. Dietrick, O. E. Spott, C. Kohler, and Fred Kumfert.

WOULDN'T LASH WHITE MAN.

grand affair in every detail.

with the work of the body.

Operations Against China to be Resumed.

VIEWED WITH DISMAY

Chaffee Will be Told Not to Participate in Campaign.

MAY DISSUADE GERMANY.

It Is Understood That the State Dopartment Is Seeking What Support It Can Get for a Dissenting Policy-The United States Re-

mains Firm.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Teb. 18.-The United States Government is facing a serious crisis in China, owing to the announcement of the purpose of Field Marshal Count Waldersee to begin another offensive campaign. General Chaffee has been invited to join in the expedition, which is to be mobilized on a larger scale than any thing attempted in China since the original march to Pekin.

The General so informed the War Department to-day, and the officials of the State Department have been advised of the situation.

This German movement is viewed with absolute dismay here, for it is feared that it requires an immediate decision by the United States Government on its whole line of policy toward the Chinese question. General Chaffee will be told that he is not to participate in this campaign. He not to participate in this campaign. He has been keeping the American forces in Pekin ever since the city was pacified simply as a legation guard, and the German Government is fully aware that the United States Government purposely deprived the American contingent in China of its offension military character, and of its offensive military character and withdrew it from the control of Count von Withdrew it from the control of Count von Waldersce in order to hasten peace negotations and prevent so far as it could the continuance of military movements against the Chinese, which was at once unnecessity of the peace makes the peace makes. sary and baleful upon the peace move-

DEFORT AT DISSUASION. Our Government, not having changed its policy, cannot do otherwise than cause General Chaffee to refrain from any par-General Chaffee to regrain from any par-ticipation in hostile military movements so long as the present peaceful condition continues. But a serious point under con-sideration is not whether Chaffee shall join the military movement, but whether the part the duty of our Government to it is not the duty of our Government to exercise all proper efforts to dissuade the German Government from undertaking this

campaign.

The Chinese Government is unfortunately delaying the peace negotiations in an exasperating fashion and is not responding in proper spirit to the effort of the United States Government.

Word has just come from Minister Conger which confirms the press reports relative to the Chinese declination to accede to the terms of the ministers in the

cede to the terms of the ministers in the cede to the terms of the ministers in the matter of capital punishment of the leaders implicated in the Boxer movement. This message implied that the Chinese Government has agreed to exile Prince Tuan and Lan without capital senting to Prince Tuan and Prin tences; to recommend suicide to Prince Chwang; death for Yu Hsien and Chao

tences; to recommend shicked to Theo Chwang; death for Yu Hslen and Chao Chi Chao; for Ying Nien imprisonment and degradation from office, and some punishment not yet determined for Chi Hsiu and Hsu Chen Yu. It is stated that an edict already has been issued to execute these sentences accordingly.

SEEKING SUPPORT.

A visit of the Japanese Minister to the State Department served to give color to the story that our Government is casting about to ascertain how far the other Powers party to the Chinese question will endorse this proposed punishment.

It is understood the question will come before the Cabinet meeting to-morrow when the course determined by the Government will be decided. It is supposed to be sound policy to stop further military campaigns upon a helpless people. It is understood that the State Department is

inderstood that the State Department is dissenting what support it can get for a dissenting policy.

It is realized to be extremely desirable

It is realized to be extremely desirable to avoid offending German pride in this matter, but it is hoped that by an appeal to the conservative forces of the Empire, made not by the United States Government of the conds in ment alone, but with powerful seconds the shape of Russia and perhaps Japan, the German Government will be brought to see that good policy and good faith would both be best conserved by avoiding interference with the peace negotia-tions at this stage.

The United States Government stands steadfastly by the principles laid down in Secretary Hay's letter of July 3d last, and as it received the support of all the

HOSTILE EXPEDITION.

Von Waldersee to Resume Operations Agains: China. (By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, Feb. 17.—A few days ago Count von Waldersee wrote to the gen-erals under his supervision, notifying them to have all their available troops ready in two weeks for an expedition lasting eighty days. To-day General Chaffee and General

Voyron, the French commander, received letters asking for their co-operation and expressing a desire to know what forces they can spare. In commencing his letter to General Chaffee, Count von Waldersee says:
"Owing to the unsatisfactory nature of

the negotiations for peace, and also to circumstances rendering such a course desirable, it will probably be necessary to resume military operations on a large scale, especially toward the west."

German Expedition. (By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The War Office has received the following from Count von Waldersee: "Pekin, Feb. 16.—Major-General von

Ketteler has dispatched an expedition, under the command of Colonel Hoffmis-ter, from Pao Ting Fu to Ino Ma Kwan, 83 kilometers northwest of Pao Ting Fu."

Knows Nothing of It. (By Associated Press.)

far as the Government was aware no Power was contemplating an expedition into the interior of China.

INSIST ON COMPLIANCE.

China's Reply Is Unsatisfactory to Envoys.

(By Associated Press.)
PEKIN, Feb. 18.—The foreign envoys have held a conference regarding the Chinese reply concerning the punishment of the guilty persons named by the Powers. The reply was considered unsatisfactory, and the envoys decided to insist upon a compliance with their original demands.

TO CLEAR CHI LI.

Purpose of the Expedition of Von Waldersre. (By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Pekin, which explains that Field-Marshal Count you Waldersee's new expedition is intended to finally clear the province of Chi Li of Chinese soldiers and produce a whole-some dread among the Chinese. The German Commissariat Department has ordered a thousand transport wagons to be ready within eighteen days.

RUSSIA AND UNITED STATES.

All Others Agree to Join Von Waldersce's Expedition.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 19.—"Count von Waldersee has prepared his plans for the new expedition," says the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, wiring yesterday, "and it will start next Saturday, All the Powers, except Russia and the United States, have agreed to allow their forces to join."

Russian Troops Move.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Taku correspondent of the Morning Post says it is reported there that the Russians shipping three regiments from Vlac shipping three regiments from Vladivo-stock, one for Tien Tsin and the other two for Shan Hai Kwan.

PROVINCE OF TARLAC.

Civil Government Organized in Spite of Military's Protest. (By Associated Press.)

TARLAC, PROVINCE OF TARLAC LUZON, Feb. 18.-The United States and Philippine Commission decided to-day after a conference that it would not be wise to postpone the organization of pro-vincial government in the province of

Tarlac.

There are two native factions seeking to control the affairs of Tarlac, the strongest being led by Macabulos, whose loyalty is questioned by all the military officers. ers. The indifference of the people is obvious. The appointments were announced, in-

cluding, in addition to Captain Clark as Governor, Lieutenant Henry M. Morrow, of the Thirty-first Volunteer Infantry, to be treasurer, and Lieutenant Robert S. Welsh, of the Thirty-ninth United States Volunteer Infantry, to be supervisor. The secretary and the fiscal will be natives.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Nicaragua Canal Amendment Voted Down.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Senate
Committee on Commerce to-day concluded the consideration of the river and harbo

The Nicaragua Canal amedament was voted down to-day. The bill will be re-ported to the Senate to-morrow.

The committee made horizontal cuts of all important items, the reductions amounting to one-fourth in all appropriations of over \$50,000 in immediate cush an propriations, and one-third in all appropriations in excess of \$300,000 for continu ing contracts. The totals approximate \$60,

Senate, will include for James River, Vu., \$252,500: Cape Fear River, N. C., \$37,500. Several reservoirs for storage of sur-plus water and for irrigation in Wyoming and South Dakota are recommended.

A COMPROMISE.

Ryan and the Williams Syndicate Name an Arbitrator.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Vice-President
Daniel Lamont, of the Northern Pacific,
was to-day reported to have been agreed
upon as the arbitrator selected by President J. S. Williams, of the Scaboard Air Line, and Thomas F. Ryan to de-termine the valuation of the Seaboard and Roanoke securities held by the lat-

It is understood that Mr. Ryan has agreed to discontinue all pending litiga-tion to restrain the construction of the Scaboard lines and turn over his Scaboard securities to the Williams syndiat a price to be fixed by the pend-

EXPLOSION OF A WATER TANK

A Man Washed Violently Away and His Leg Torn Partly Off. Another

Man Injured.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ABINGDON, VA., Feb. 18.-The new fifty thousand gallon wooden tank reservoir of the Abingdon Water and Light Company exploded with great force, seri colored man, who was engaged in filling with earth the deep ditch containing the with earth the deep dital containing the iron delivery pipe, washing him violently down the hill some two hundred feet, through a wire fence, tearing away the calf of one of his legs and otherwise injuring him, so that his recovery is not

ortain. Mr. Click, the foundryman and machinest, was injured and wounded about the face, and a boy named Hall, who was near, was violently thrown a considerable distance. The tank was located one hundred feet perpendicular above Main Street, and the face of the hill five hundred feet between the tank and Mair Street, at the United States building, oc-cupied with residences, was badly inun-

Owing to the location of the tank on a lateral spur of the hill, the water divided east and west, or the result would have been more disastrous. The tank had thirteen hoops constructed of iron rods, some of them five-eighths and others (By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Under-Secretary of State for Forign Affairs explained in the House of Commons to-day that so

DOUGLAS' PLACE

Will Become Head of American Institute.

THE SESSION TO-NIGHT

Visitors Will be Formally Welcomed and Reception Will Follow.

VIRGINIA'S FUTURE BRIGHT.

Eminent Authority Declares the Old Dominion's Prospects Are Most Encouraging - Some Interesting Gossip Concerning the Men Who Will Be in

Attendance.

The first session of the American Institute of Mining Engineers will be held at the Jeffeerson Roof Garden this evening. At this time the visitors will be formally welcomed to Virginia and Richmond, and after a short business session a reception will be held. Mr. James Douglas, president of the institute, is now en route to this city from Arizona and is expected to arrive this afternoon, Mr. R. W. Raymond, secretary, arrived in Richmond last night and established his headquarters at the Jeffereson.

Only a few of the members of the institute have registered so far, but it is expected that many will reach this city to-day and to-morrow. Among them will be day and to-morrow. Among them will be some of the most distinguished engineers and matallurgists in the world. It was confidently expected that Andrew Carnegie would reach the city last night, but the Steel King dld not come. Mr. Raymond, however, is in receipt of an autograph letter from Mr. Carnegie, in which he gove.

"Cannot possibly get away. Hope yo will have a good time and know that you

Said Mr. Raymond, in speaking of the matter last evening: "Up to the time I re-ceived the letter I had hopes, but I knew that it would be difficult for Mr. Carnegie to get away from New York. He is a ery busy man, you know."
FOR THE WEEK.

The Institute will be in session during the week, and papers on miners, mining and metallurgy will be read. The meetings are held for the purpose of hearing the subjects scientifically discussed. these subjects scientifically discussed. There are sometimes three meetings a year, but during the current twelve months two will be held, the Richmond Convention and the meeting which will be held in the City of Mexico next fall.

At this session an election of officers will be held. President Douglas will undoubtedly be succeeded by Mr. E. E. Older and the held.

cott, of New York. Mr. Douglas has had the honor of succeeding himself, and, accott, of New York. Mr. Bougass has had the honor of succeeding himself, and, ac-cording to the laws governing the organ-ization, is ineligible. So far as is known Mr. Olcott is the only candidate, and all the ballots have been cast. These votes the ballots have been cast. These votes will be counted and result formally announced later in the week. Mr. Douglas will preside over the sessions in this city. The retiring president is one of the most eminent men in his profession, and is president of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company, president of the Arizona and Southeastern Railroad Company and a member of Phelps, Dodge & Company, of New York. He has been one of the most able heads the Institute has had. There would have been no doubt of Mr. Douglas' re-election had he been eligible.

Mr. Olcott, who will succeed Mr. Douglas, is one of the most distinguished en-gineers in America. He has been identi-fied with such houses as Grace & Com-pany, and other large capitalists operating mines in Central and South America and in Mexico. Though a comparatively young man, he is one of the recognized leaders. Mr. R. W. Raymond will be again chosen secretary, a position which

again chosen secretary, a position which he has held since 1884.

TO-NIGHT'S SESSIONS.

The local committee will establish a Bureau of Information at the Jefferson to-day, and the first session will be held this evening. During the evening an illustrated talk on the mining and metallurgical exhibits at the Paris Exposition will be given by President Douglas, while Mr. Anthony F. Lucas, of Beaumont, Texas, who bored the greatest oil gusher in the world, will give an account of the "Boring and Control of the Great Well at Beaumont." These two talks will prove of the greatest interest, not only to the engineer, but the man whose knowledge of the technicalities is limited.

EXPERIENCED GOLD MINER. EXPERIENCED GOLD MINER.

Among the arrivals at the Jefferso Among the arrivals at the Jefferson yesterday was Mr. E. G. Spitsbury, of New York. Mr. Spitsbury is authority on all branches in his profession, and is the man who planned and developed the only paying gold mine in the South. For sever years after the Haile Gold Mining Company, Mr. Spitsbury personally superintended its operation, and the South Carolina mine at present averages from carolina mine at present averages from \$150,000 to \$275,000. Mr. Spilsbury is now the head of the Spitsbury Engineering Company, New York, designers and builders of various works. Mr. Spitsbury builders of various works. Ant. Spitsarly is also constructing engineer of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, and is thoroughly conversant with the South and mining possibilities. In speaking of the South's prospects, Mr. Spitsbury

"The South has rich deposits that are only waiting development. Of course, to make any mine pay perseverence and economy are the two essentials, and to these is the success of the Haile Company to be attributed. Extravagance and to be attributed. Extravagance and mismanagement have been the death of many a venture. If Southern mines are opened and operated with a view of mining, they will pay; if organized and operated on the 'wild-cat' plan, they will not. The stock of the Haile Company has not been offered on the market, but the Haile Company has paid stockholders handsomely.

"If I were asked to locate the most promising gold belt in the South, I would say between North Carolina and Georgia. There are some paying gold mines, small

There are some paying gold mines, small mines in Virginia, but when you consider the valuable lead, zinc, and sulphur de posits in this State, Virginia has no right to complain of being overlooked.

"A strange thing, however, in regard to the pyrites deposits in Louisa. I have gone over all that section, yes, you might say with a fine-tooth comb, but the belt is right in that small area. There are four good mines on it, and I could trace the deposit across the State, but did not find it in paying qualities. It is one of the freaks of nature."

PROMINENT MEN HERE.

Another one of the "remarkable men"

Another one of the "remarkable men" in the mining industry now in this city is

Mr. B. F. Fackenthal, Jr., of Easton, Pa. Mr., Fackenthal, as one of the members of the institute put it, "is one of the very few great men in biast furnace operatings, and is without doubt the finest manager of and authority on anthracite furnace work." Mr. Fackenthal is president of the Thomas Iron Company a compration the Thomas Iron Company, a corporation which for many years controlled the pig

from situation.

One of the speakers at this evening's session will be Mr. Anstrong F. Lucas, of Beaumont, Tex. Mr. Lucas attracted the attention of the entire scientific world in he methods of boring which he adopted in his salt mining operations in Louisiana marshes. Mr. Lucas recently developed the greatest "gusher" in the world at Beaumont. This well is 1,330 feet deep, and before it could be controlled a lake of oil, fifty acres in extent, had been formed.

ormed. Mr. A. S. Hewitt, of New York, former

president of the institute, will not be in attendance. Dr. T. M. Drawn, of South Bethlehem.

Mr. William B. Cogswell, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mr. David T. Day, of Washington, D. C., are expected to-day, Mr. Cogswell is the vice-president of the Salvay Process Company, otherwise known as the "Alkali Trust," the most profitable of all trusts. Mr. Day is one the United States Geological Survey, and was in charge of the United States exhibits, mining and metallurgical, at the Paris mining and metallurgical, at the Paris Exposition.

THE MARDI GRAS.

New Orleans Is Thronged With Thousands. (By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.-Amid a thunler of cannon and a roar of steamboat and factory whistles and in the presence of thousands of people gathered on the river front at the head of Canal Street, Rex, the Merry King of the Carnival, made his traumphal entry into New Or-leans with his suite to-day.

The city is thronged with visitors from

all sections of the country. Trains to-day have arrived in double and triple sections, and the railroads report that their ac commodations have been taxed to the ut-

CUBAN RELATIONS.

Our Right of Intervention and to Naval Stations Controverted Points. (By Associated Press.)

HAVANA, Feb. 18.—The special committee of the Cuban convention on the future relations with the United States was in conference all day with the other members.

The question of naval stations is still the chief subject of controversy. Probably the committee will submit a report to-morrow leaving out any reference to this matter, and also omitting any reference to the right of the United States to intervene at any time for the preserva-tion of order.

THREE TRAINS IN COLLISION.

Three Persons Instantly Killed and Two Seriously Injured. (By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Feb. 18.-Three freight trains were wrecked on the Mo-hawk Division on the Central Railroad, at Atkin, three miles west of this city, early this morning.

Engineer Bridenbecker, of Syracuse; hi fireman, Bolge, of Syracuse, and Brake-man Arthur Yoran, of Albany, were inman Artnur Yoran, or Albany, were instantly killed. Engineer William Travers, of Albany, of the east-bound train, had his leg fractured, and Fireman James Congon, of Albany, had his skull fractured.

The three engines were badly wrecked and several of the derailed cars fell into the Mohanik Piper. the Mohawk River.

NEW LINE.

Seaboard Said to Have Bought Chattanooga, Rome and Southern. (By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 18.-A special from Rome, Ga., says it is reported here that a controlling interest in the Chattanooga, Rome and Southern Road has been bought by a New York syndicate, presumably for the Seaboard Air Line, The road is 140 miles in length and runs from Chattanooga to Carrollton, Ga.

NEGRO INFANT EATEN BY RATS

A Most Distressing Instance of Want and Suffering Comes

to Light.

A most distressing instance of neglect and suffering came to light yesterday afternoon, when it was found that a negro baby, whose lifteen months of life have been a struggle against starvation had been almost eaten up by rats.

A more awful story of distress and inhumanity has never been found in Rich-

Martha Turner (colored) is a poor, sim Martha Turner (colored) is a poor, simple-minded creature, who keeps body and soul together by the pickings of the dumps, supplemented by begging. The wretched hovel in which this woman lives is situated at the extreme end of Twenty-sixth Street, near the Nine-Mile Road. One room remains of what was once a four-room house. The others have gone for fuel, as have the floor and parts of the inner wood-work. Not a pane of class remains in the windows, and passof the liner woodwork. You a plane or glass remains in the windows, and pass-ers-by have little guessed that this was the habitation of human beings. The poor creature who occupies this shanty is the mother of three children,

smanly is the holder of the character, two boys about ten years old, and an infant of fifteen months. This frail bark of humanity lies in a dying condition. It has been almost eaten up by rats of this dilapidated house, who have been

this distance, the starving, too.

The first attack of the rats was on Thursday last. The child was sleeping on a pile of rags on the dirt floor. Three on a pile of rags on the dirt hoot. Thee toes were eaten away. On Friday the child was again left while its mother was begging or picking. When she returned two fingers were gone, and a hole the size of a silter dollar eaten into the skull. On Sunday night, while the child and its mother were sleeping, both ears were eaten away. On yesterday morning a fourth attack of the rats resulted in the loss of the child's nose, which was eaten off level with its face. The size of the hole in the child's skull was increased. Yesterday afternoon the child was found and taken to the house of a

WHEN VIRGINIA WAS A KINGDOM

Sir Wm. Berkley's Proclamation to be Celebrated

VISCOUNT DE FRONSAC

Secretary of the Aryan Order of St. George Takes it Up.

ARTILLERYMAN'S CRIME.

Sent to the Grand Jury for Attempting to Kill His Own Child. Col. George A. Keller Succeeds A. F. Campbell as Manager of the Chamberlin.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 18.-Vis-

count de Fronsac, secretary of the Aryan Order of St. George, one of the oldest of English societies, was in the city to-day with a view of interesting the city officials and business men in a proposition to celebrate here the first declaration of independence in America on October 10th next, which will be the anniversary of the proclamation of Virginia in 1649 by the Governor, Sir William Berkley, and the Grand Assembly at Jamestown, as an independent kingdom under Charles II., at the time that Cromwell and Parliament were ruling in England.

This celebration will be one of world-wide note, and it is claimed that it will which secures it. It will be held here or in Norfolk. DR. ACREE DECLINES.

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Rev. Dr. R. R. Acree, of Clarksville.
Tenn., has declined to accept the call extended him by the Baptist Church on account of the resignation of Rev. C. C.
Cox. Judge Barham, of the Corporation

Court, to-day granted an injunction to the firm of Pettus and Auld, printers, against G. B. A. Booker, manager of the Academy of Music, and Mr. L. B. Reynolds, restraining them from distributing advertising matter of any kind except that on programmes and tiekets in the academy during the performances. The injunction grows out of an alleged breach contract between the printers and The piumbing firms of the city will, unless the decision rendered by Judge

unless the decision rendered by Judge Barham in the Corporation Court this morning is reversed by the higher court, have to pay license which is imposed upon them by the city ordinance. The plumbers claimed immunity, but were fined \$50. They say they will take the case to the Court of Appeals.

MOZIER-MOORE.

Mr. A. J. Mozier and Miss Teressa Moore two well known people, were

Moore, two well known people, were married this morning at St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Rev. Father Charles E. Donahoe officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Mozier left for a tour. Colonel George A. Keller this morning succeeded Mr. A. F. Campbell as man-ager of the Chamberlin Hotel. Colonel Keller is a Bostonian, and is said to be an experienced hotel man. The change in

the management came as a surprise to many people, especially among the em-ployes of the Chamberlin. Mrs. Annie Davis, aged \$2, died at her home in Hampton after a brief illness. Her husband survives her. TRIES TO KILL HIS CHILD.

tilleryman at Fort Monroe, is under arrest charged with trying to kill his 17-months-old child. He was sent on to the grand jury by Mayer White, of Phoebus. The child was covered with bruises. The wife claims that Hoffer is jealous of

HAMBURG LINER AFIRE.

Vessel Sailed from New York on the 3d With 100 Passergers.

(By Associated Press.) CUXHAVEN, Feb. 18.—The Hamburg-American liner Graf Waldersee is aftre. The Graf Waldersee sailed from New York Sunday, February 3d, with a cabin list of about one hundred passengers for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg. The vessel arrived at Cuxhaven on Saturday, February 15th. Captain E. Kopf is the commander of the vessel.

Stolen Bicycle. No. 65372 is the number of the bicycle which was stolen by the thief who robbed the saife of Mrs. Mitchell, on Mechanics ville Turnpike, last Friday night. The police will appreciate any information.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local. . -—Mining engineers coming in to attend to-night's convention.
—Selection of delegates to the conven-tion becoming a live topic.
—Colonel Newhouse to be a candidate for Superintendent of the Penitentiary. —A child nearly eaten up by rats. —Loose-tobacco buyers form an associa-tion

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—Annual masquerade of the Gesang-verein a brilliant success.

—Westmoreland Club elects officers.

—The Home for Men starts out well.

—Two Christian churches call pastors.

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Big water tank explodes at Abingdon and fatally injures one man and inun-

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-Viscount de Frousoe desires to celebrate the declaration making Virginia a separate kingdom.

The Koper case, in Petersburg, will be given to the jury to-day.

-A continuance in the case of John Copeland, at Suffolk.

-Female school at Brookneal burned. General.

—Senator Daniel opposes severe provision against hazing adopted by the conferees.

—House passed bill appropriating for million dollars for St. Louis Expossition.

—orrible tragedy of murder and suicids

- ormer tages

at Atlanta.

—Giant combination of all independent cereal plats, with capital of \$20,000,000.

—Final papers in steel deal to be signed. this evening.

respectable negro woman near by, where it received proper medical attention. It was still alive at midnight.

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